

**CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO  
RESOLUTION NO. 16  
SERIES 2020**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES  
DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has declared the Novel Coronavirus Disease (“COVID-19”) to be a worldwide pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado recognized the COVID-19 pandemic and declared a state of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States declared a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak on March 13, 2020 to implement additional measures to contain and combat the virus in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Lake County Board of County Commissioners issued a local disaster declaration due to the imminent threat from widespread or severe damage, injury or loss from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the City of Leadville issued a local emergency disaster declaration due to the pandemic, which declaration has been extended to May 5, 2020 pursuant to Resolution No. 15, Series 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Colorado is currently under a state-wide Stay at Home order and related public health orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic that require businesses to close or significantly impair or alter their operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to use the resources it has available to support local businesses in the Leadville community and help to cushion the economic impact of the pandemic on the City’s businesses and their employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to temporarily waive City licensing fees for businesses while the City researches and establishes additional means of support for local businesses and their employees to cope with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Leadville, Colorado as follows:

**Section 1. Recitals Incorporated.** The recitals contained above are incorporated herein by reference and are adopted as findings and determinations of the City Council.

**Section 2. Temporary Waiver of Licensing Fees.** The City Council hereby waives

all licensing and renewal fees required to be set by resolution of the City Council pursuant to Title 5 of the Leadville Municipal Code, which waiver shall be effective as of the effective date of this Resolution until and including April 30, 2020. This Resolution temporarily waives licensing fees only and does not waive the requirement to obtain a license or licenses to operate a business within the City pursuant to the requirements of the Leadville Municipal Code.

**Section 3. Direction to City Staff.** The City Council hereby directs City staff to research options for additional relief, programs and assistance, including options for city-sponsored small business grants, that the City may provide to local businesses and their employees to respond to the impacts and hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic. City Council further directs City staff to present such options and related recommendations to City Council for consideration and discussion at City Council's next scheduled work session. City Council also directs City staff to research options for community support associated with relief for pandemic-related hardships. City Council desires to designate up to two hundred twenty thousand dollars and no cents (\$220,000.00) of City funds for such purposes as long as it is budgetarily feasible and comports with applicable law.


**Section 4. Additional Supports for Local Businesses.** The City Council supports and encourages the Leadville community and individual consumers to safely support local businesses as they are able, such as through rent and loan abatement programs for local businesses and their employees and using the delivery, take-out and other remote services of local businesses if available.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO:

By:   
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Greg Labbe, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Deputy City Clerk

**ADOPTED** by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against, and 1 abstaining, this 7th day of April, 2020.